FOR INFORMATION CALL

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## Youth Council to discuss MKE Peace Project role

The Milwaukee Youth Council (MYC) will go over its important review role for entries for the *MKE Peace Project (MPP)* when it meets today (Wednesday, May 13, 2015) at 4:30 p.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

The *MKE Peace* Project – proposed by Common Council President Michael J. Murphy and approved as an official city initiative yesterday by the full Common Council – is challenging youth in the central city to initiate, at the group level, an assessment of the factors that contribute to violence in their neighborhoods and, subsequently, to provide a solution to the problem. Youth are being asked to submit written entries to be considered for the project, and an array prizes are also being offered for the top entries. Youth Council members will be reviewing all MPP entries, and will recommend finalists to the Common Council. **MPP submissions are due no later than Thursday, May 21**. Go to <a href="https://www.milwaukee.gov/mkepeaceproject">www.milwaukee.gov/mkepeaceproject</a> to learn more and to locate entry information.

The MPP is targeting Milwaukee's at-risk youth, particularly those still in school and connected to positive programs and systems. The areas and schools being targeted for youth input include those neighborhoods where Milwaukee Police Department statistics show there's a high rate of violent crime perpetrated by youth on victims who are also youth.

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## Youth Council meeting/ADD ONE

The Youth Council, composed of young leaders between 14 and 18 years of age, is invested in serving youth in the community.

Today's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the city website at <a href="https://www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25">www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25</a>.

Go to <a href="http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil">http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil</a> to learn more about the Youth Council.